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ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTE FOR RURAL INDUSTRIALISATION
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government has any proposal to set up an Institute for Rural Industrialisation;

(b): if so, the details thereof and its proposed functions; and

(c): the time by which the said Institute is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to set up the `Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialisation (MGIRI)` by completely overhauling and revamping the existing MGIRI, Wardha, which had come into existence in 2003 after the erstwhile Jamnalal Bajaj Central Research Institute, Wardha was rechristened as MGIRI. The MGIRI, Wardha is an autonomous body registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1960 to provide high quality scientific, technological and management inputs to strengthen rural industrialization and enhance opportunities of meaningful and productive employment in rural areas in the khadi and village industries. Its activities are taken up in association with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The promotion of rural industrialization would be helped greatly through capacity-building and technology upgradation in khadi and village industries (KVI), resulting in generation of employment opportunities in rural areas and higher productivity and incomes of artisans. The specific objectives behind setting up MGIRI are to:

(i)set up a strong two-way linkage between itself and the rural industrialists and technical experts in professional institutes so as to facilitate quick availability of modern science, technology and management inputs for rural industrialisation,
(ii)create a science and technology hub for KVI sector by developing strong linkages and interface with other institutions in the field of rural industrialization
(iii)build a database of technologies available in KVI sector,
(iv)facilitate setting up of rural industrial estates and clusters with necessary infrastructural facilities like power, specialised tool rooms, testing and marketing facilities,
(v)undertake and sponsor projects capable of giving substantial fillip to larger and increased market penetration to selected products of village industry,
(vi)conduct specialised human resource development programmes in generic areas such as Total Quality Management, creativity and innovation, rural entrepreneurship development,
(vii)provide training to trainers of the training centres of KVIC and Khadi and Village Industries Boards of State/Union Territory Government, and
(viii) promote innovation through pilot studies and field trials through research, extension, education and training

(c): The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi has revamped the MGIRI, Wardha. A proposal for sanction of staff for MGIRI has been submitted for setting up the said Institute.